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SU Patent 1331660
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Japanese Patent Publication 05301298
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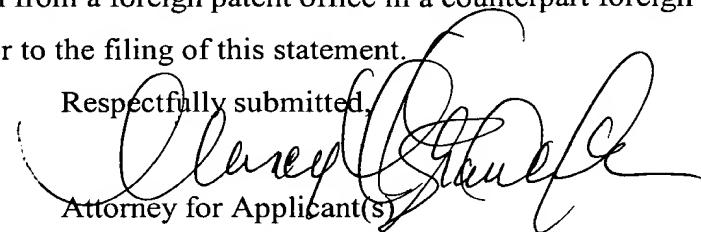
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